

YE ALSO HAVE SUFFERED

1 Thess 2:14-20

1. Others have suffered. 1 Th 2:14

Healthy--reminded that we are not only ones going through suffering.
Christians in other parts of world suffering for Christ.

Followers: imitators John 15:18-19

2. Jews were Great Persecutors. 1 Th 2:15-16

A. They killed Lord Jesus

Romans physically put Jesus on cross but Jews killed Lord Jesus.
Jesus not have gone to cross if Jews not pushed for it.

The Jews

✚ Chose to set Barabbas free and crucify Jesus (Mt. 27:20-26).

✚ Cried "*Crucify Him! Crucify Him!*" (Luke 23:21).

✚ In the Mediterranean world in first century persecuted early church.

B. They killed their own prophets*and their own prophets*,

Repeating sins of their forefathers. Mat 5:10-12

Why hate Jesus and prophets?

- Protecting the Law
- Not understand purpose of law--prepare for New Covenant of Grace...Jesus

Law-Schoolmaster to bring to Christ. Gal 3:24-26; Mark 7:5-8

C. They Persecuted Paul and fellow-workers

We too have been going through all sorts of persecution from the hands of the Jews.

Antioch Acts 13:45-50

Iconium: Acts 14:2-6

Lystra: Acts 14:19

Berea: Acts 17:13

Corinth: Acts 18:12

Thessalonica: Acts 17:5-10

... and they please not God. These people, by persecuting God's people, are being offensive both to God and to men.

16. *Forbidding us to speak....*preventing, hindering from verbalizing the Gospel.

Didn't want us telling Gentiles how to be saved.

Go ahead and believe it. Just don't tell it.

... to fill up their sins alway: piling up their sins... Gen 15:16 Mat 23:32-33

Idea of God having measuring cup for our sins and rebellion. ...fills up until gets to top (full!). Then God displays His wrath.

Uttermost: Continually, totally, finally, completely.

When God deals with His wrath He is very thorough.

Wiersbe: God patiently waits as sinners rebel against Him, and He watches as their measure of sin and judgment fills up. When the time is up, God's patience will end and judgment will fall.

When person receives Christ as Lord and Savior--saved to uttermost (Heb. 7:25).

When lost sinner rejects Christ he experiences wrath of God to uttermost.

1 Th 2:17 Paul not afraid to express affection

Considered himself to be spiritual mother and father (2;7,11).

1 Th 2:18 Paul's desire was to spend time with these people in teaching and equipping. Problem: hindered by Satan

Hindered: To break up the road and put up obstacles. To impede, detain.

Sometimes Satan throws up road blocks to prevent us in ministry.

1 Th 2:19 You bring us much joy when we stand together in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ when He comes back again.

Paul was not a negee. Took long look. Positive outlook.

You are our hope and glory!

1 Th 2:20 You are our glory and joy.

Some day we stand before Jesus Christ at Judgment Seat and judged according to motives and actions.

Crown--*stephanos*, victors crown.

Crowns :

- Soul-winner's: Dan12:3
- Crown of life Ja 1:12; Those who love Him
- Crown of Righteousness: 2 Tim. 4:8 Love His appearing
- Crown of Glory 1 Pet. 5:4 To faithful pastors
- Crown of Life Rev. 2:10 To those willing to give life for Christ

One day worth it all.

So what?

Response to suffering?

Realize you are not only one going through hard times?

Taking long look?